### BROADVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# Police Watch



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This Police Watch newsletter is just one of the ways that the Broadview Police Department is trying to connect with our Community. By sharing information with you, we can keep you informed about what's happening in town.

We hope that you'll find it informative. Please contact us with your suggestions. COPS@broadview-il.gov

ANONYMOUS
Crime Tips can be
Sent to:
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# Broadview Neighborhood Watch Coming together nicely.

Broadview Neighborhood Watch is moving forward at a pace which was not expected. Residents are coming together monthly and discussing ways to keep Broadview safe.

At our last meeting, the following Officers were elected:

President: Nath Nayak

Vice President: Connie Reynolds

Treasurer: LaTrice Lacy Secretary: Gwen Turner

These fine residents should be applauded for stepping up to fill these positions. With their help, this partnership between the residents and the Police Department will grow stronger and deeper. As we all continue to work together, remember that this concept can only continue it's forward momentum if it is truly supported by the public.

Our next meeting is September 28th. 7:00pm at the Village Council Chambers. We hope to see you there. September 2012

The Fire Department is offering FREE CPR training to Broadview residents on September 22nd

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9am. The cost is \$35.00 for non-residents
Space is limited, so please call the Fire Department to sign up.



## "Choose Your Destiny"

It is well known that the Broadview Police Department takes drug enforcement seriously. It has been our enduring goal to keep drugs out of our schools and off of our streets.

While we continue to aggressively suppress drug activity as it surfaces, we recognize that this goal cannot be fully realized without an equally aggressive campaign to help prevent the use of drugs in the first place.

This department acknowledges the fact that outside influences play a part in an individual's decision to use drugs, but it is our firm belief that like many other things in our lives, drug use ultimately comes down to a choice.

This is why we have decided to embark on a new educational initiative called "Choose Your Destiny"

Our hope is that by appealing to a young person's natural desire for control, we can help empower them to make smart decisions with regard to their health and their future.

When Officers interact with young people around the Village, this will be one of the concepts we'll be encouraging them to communicate. We hope that you'll help us reinforce this concept with the children you know. Together we can provide children with the tools they need to lead a healthy and productive life.

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## Truck Enforcement

Because of Broadview's substantial industrial area, there are constantly trucks coming through town. The Police Department recognizes that we have a duty to make sure these trucks are operating safely and complying with state truck laws. Trucks which operate on the roadway MUST weigh 80,000 pounds or less. Anything more than that and safety becomes a serious concern. It is also likely that damage to our roads can occur. For that reason, a new Truck Enforcement initiative was undertaken in January of this year.

Two Broadview Officers are now State Certified truck enforcement Officers. This means that as they patrol, if they come across a truck which appears to be in violation, they will stop it, weigh it and issue citations as appropriate.

The primary duties of the Truck Enforcement Unit are:

- Enforcement of weight & size violations.
- Assist in issuing permits for overweight and oversize vehicles using village maintained roadways.
- Education of local trucking companies in regards to local and State laws.
- Assisting the Illinois State Police with random roadside portable scale roadblocks.
- Coordination between developers, trucking companies, and the Village with respect to truck routing in and out of commercial jobsites.
- Handling complaints from residents about truck specific problems.
- Checking trucks for safety and driver's license classification violations.





# Special Thanks to The Sports Authority for helping to keep Broadview children safe.

The Broadview Police Department would like to sincerely thank management at the Sports Authority for quickly addressing an issue regarding the sale and display of pellet guns in their store. We received report that children were stealing the (rubber bullet) pellet guns from a display rack near the back of the store. Some children were then bringing the pellet guns to school and "playing" with them on school grounds.

Broadview Police Community Outreach Officers met with store management in an attempt to prevent this from happening again. Sports Authority management reacted quickly and moved these items to the front of the store, where they can be closely monitored by staff at the front desk. Security systems have also been attached to some of the items, and the weapons which use traditional steel pellets have been put into locked displays, out of reach of children entirely.

Without swift cooperation from Sports authority, this issue could have continued and children could have been injured. Good work Sports Authority!

### Did you know?

Foreclosure fraud is becoming a real threat to those in the US who are already struggling to make ends meet. Criminals posing as financial counselors demand up-front fees to help people get out of debt. If you're contacted by someone who says they can help you get out of debt, do your research to prove their legitimacy. Too many people are losing what's left of their money to these crooks.

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